

Program A: Fire Investigations

Program Authorization: R.S.40:1563(C)3; R.S. 40:1575; R.S. 23:531-545; R.S. 51:560 et seq.; R.S. 51:911 et seq.; R.S. 51:912 et seq.; R.S. 40:1484; R.S. 40:1625 et seq.; R.S. 40: 1578.6(C); R.S. 40:1566, 1567 and 1563; R.S. 40:1651 et seq.; R.S. 46:1441; Act 1010 of 1995; La. Administrative Code 55:V:3001 et seq.; Section 1864(a) of Social Services Act; Title 42 of Code of Federal Regulations

Program Description

The mission of the Fire Prevention Program in the Office of the State Fire Marshal is to protect life and property from fire and explosion; ensure public safety of Louisiana's citizens within the constructed environment; provide equal access to disabled individuals; and promote the efficient use of energy in buildings.

The goals of the Fire Prevention Program in the Office of the State Fire Marshal are:

1. Make the Fire Marshal's Office responsive to the needs of the citizens of Louisiana by fair and equal enforcement of the statutes and regulations; providing prompt, courteous, and professional delivery of services in the most cost effective and productive manner; and to implement a fire safety and education and training programs to reduce the number of recurring violations.
2. Reduce injury, death and property damage resulting from fire in the State of Louisiana by attaining consistent, quality and professional level inspections statewide.
3. Maintain a data repository and statistical analysis of all fires and improve the imparting of this information to the fire department and the public.
4. Prevent/reduce injury, death and property damage from explosions of boilers and pressure vessels and the mechanical failure of amusement attractions.
5. To ensure safe, accessible, and energy efficient buildings by a thorough review of building plans and specifications prior to construction. Louisiana law, R.S. 40:1574 (A) and (B), requires that the plans and specifications for every structure, watercraft, or movable constructed or remodeled in the state be reviewed by the Fire Marshal and must be determined to appear to satisfactorily comply with the adopted fire, life safety, and handicapped accessibility laws, rules, regulations, and codes of the state prior to construction.

The Fire Prevention Program in the Office of the State Fire Marshal includes the following activities: Inspection Section, Health Care Inspection Section, Boiler and Amusement Ride Safety Inspection Section, Manufactured Homes Section, Sprinkler Contractor Licensing Section, Fireworks Licensing Section, Fire Information Services Section, Fire Protection Licensing Section, Family Food Day Care Homes, Burglar Alarm Licensing Section, Volunteer Firemen Insurance, Plan Review, and Arson Enforcement.

>The Inspection Section, under the authority of R.S. 40:1563 (C) 3, conducts final construction/renovation/addition inspections of all completed construction projects having had prior plan review and existing outside the jurisdiction of a certified fire prevention bureau. Other inspections such as special requested inspections and construction visits are performed based on the urgency of the hazard involved and available resources.

>The Health Care Inspection Section through contract agreement with the Department of Health and Hospitals per provisions of Section 1864(a) of the Social Services Act are required to survey and certify compliance with Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

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>The Boiler and Amusement Ride Safety Inspection is comprised of the Boiler Inspection Section and the Mechanical Section. The Boiler Section is responsible for the inspections of all boilers and certain pressure vessels throughout the state on a timely basis, and maintenance records of all inspections and companies authorized to construct, install, repair, and operate boilers in Louisiana. The Mechanical Section is responsible for the inspections of all amusement/carnival ride equipment in Louisiana (R.S. 40:1484). These inspections will include the review of all maintenance records, non-destructive testing, operational tests and the qualifications of the ride operators, as well as, the training records of the operators.

>The Sprinkler Contractor Licensing Section, under the authority of R.S. 40:1625 et seq., licenses each fire protection sprinkler contractor doing business in Louisiana. The Firework Licensing Section, under the authority of R.S. 51:560 et. seq., licenses manufactures, distributors, jobbers, importers, and retailers of fireworks.

>The Fire Information Services Section collects and analyzes fire data.

>The Fire Protection Licensing Section, under the authority of R.S. 40:1551 et seq. and Louisiana Administrative Code 55:V:3001 et seq., licenses, and certifies firms, employees and apprentices engaged in the installation or servicing of portable fire extinguishers, fixed fire extinguishing systems, fire detection and alarm systems, and hydrostatic testing of pressurized fire extinguishing equipment.

>The Family Food Day Care Homes Section, under authority of R.S. 46:1411, inspects private homes taking care of six children or less under a federal program. There are approximately 10,000 homes in this program.

>The Burglar Alarm Licensing Section, under authority of R.S. 40:1662.1 et seq., certifies and licenses firms and employees engaged in the sale, installation and servicing of burglar alarm systems and fire alarm systems in one or two family dwellings.

>The Volunteer Firemen Insurance Program, under authority of R.S. 40:1593, authorizes the Fire Marshal to negotiate a group insurance policy to provide medical, death and burial benefits for volunteer firefighters of the state suffering injury or death while engaged in the scope of their duties as a volunteer firefighter.

>The Plan Review Section, under authority of R.S. 40:1740, requires the plans and specifications for every structure, watercraft or movable constructed or remodeled in the state to be reviewed for conformity with adopted fire, life safety, energy and handicapped accessibility laws, rules, regulations and codes prior to construction.

>The Arson Enforcement Section, under authority of Revised Statute 40, Chapter 7, Part 3, Act 83 of 1987, causes investigations of all fires within the state which are suspected to be caused by criminal neglect or human design, or whenever there is more than one human death, and arrests those responsible for such fires.

RESOURCE ALLOCATION FOR THE PROGRAM

	ACTUAL 2001-2002	ACT 13 2002-2003	EXISTING 2002-2003	CONTINUATION 2003-2004	RECOMMENDED 2003-2004	RECOMMENDED OVER/(UNDER) EXISTING
MEANS OF FINANCING:						
STATE GENERAL FUND (Direct)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
STATE GENERAL FUND BY:						
Interagency Transfers	215,000	230,000	1,230,000	240,000	230,000	(1,000,000)
Fees & Self-gen. Revenues	2,490,902	2,490,902	2,490,902	2,490,902	2,490,902	0
Statutory Dedications	6,930,410	7,461,687	7,461,687	7,411,958	7,913,382	451,695
Interim Emergency Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCING	\$9,636,312	\$10,182,589	\$11,182,589	\$10,142,860	\$10,634,284	(\$548,305)
EXPENDITURES & REQUEST:						
Salaries	\$5,770,654	\$6,052,642	\$6,017,280	\$6,214,403	\$6,188,779	\$171,499
Other Compensation	62,825	14,566	49,566	49,566	49,566	0
Related Benefits	1,320,853	1,488,429	1,600,599	1,698,054	1,604,546	3,947
Total Operating Expenses	706,538	504,501	392,331	515,101	479,530	87,199
Professional Services	94	480,530	880,000	0	0	(880,000)
Total Other Charges	1,022,410	1,042,401	1,042,763	1,135,186	1,781,313	738,550
Total Acq. & Major Repairs	752,938	599,520	1,200,050	530,550	530,550	(669,500)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND REQUEST	\$9,636,312	\$10,182,589	\$11,182,589	\$10,142,860	\$10,634,284	(\$548,305)
AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME EQUIVALENTS: Classified	176	178	178	178	178	0
Unclassified	1	1	1	1	1	0
TOTAL	177	179	179	179	179	0

SOURCE OF FUNDING

This program is funded with Interagency Transfers, Fees and Self-generated Revenues, Statutory Dedications, and Federal Funds. The Interagency Transfers are derived from the Department of Health and Hospitals for inspection services. The Fees and Self-generated Revenues are derived from issuance of various licenses (fireworks, mobile home manufacturer, sprinkler and fire extinguisher), sale of fire incident reports and boiler inspection fees. The Statutory Dedications are derived from the Louisiana Fire Marshal Fund (R.S. 22:1077 and R.S. 40:1653), Volunteer Firefighters Insurance Premiums (R.S. 22:1585 and R.S. 40:1593), Louisiana Alarm Regulatory Trust Fund (R.S. 40:1563, R.S. 36:409 and R.S. 40:1662) and the Two Percent Fire Insurance Fund (R.S. 22:1585(A)). Per R.S. 39:36B.(8), see table below for listing of expenditures out of each statutory dedicated fund. The Federal Funds are to defray the cost for inspecting mobile homes that are transported to Louisiana after being manufactured in another state.

	ACTUAL	ACT 13	EXISTING	CONTINUATION	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED
	2001-2002	2002-2003	2002-2003	2003-2004	2003-2004	OVER/(UNDER)
						EXISTING
Louisiana Fire Marshal Fund	\$5,938,133	\$6,575,617	\$6,575,617	\$6,591,958	\$7,093,382	\$517,765
Volunteer Firefighters Insurance Premium Fund	\$222,277	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Louisiana Alarm Regulatory Trust Fund	\$475,000	\$475,000	\$475,000	\$455,000	\$455,000	(\$20,000)
Two Percent Fire Insurance Fund	\$295,000	\$320,000	\$320,000	\$320,000	\$320,000	\$0
Fire Sprinkler Trust Fund	\$0	\$91,070	\$91,070	\$45,000	\$45,000	(\$46,070)

MAJOR FINANCIAL CHANGES

GENERAL FUND	TOTAL	T.O.	DESCRIPTION
\$0	\$10,182,589	179	ACT 13 FISCAL YEAR 2002-2003
			BA-7 TRANSACTIONS:
\$0	\$1,000,000	0	Carryforward Interagency Transfers Revenue from Technology Innovation Fund for development of a management information system
\$0	\$11,182,589	179	EXISTING OPERATING BUDGET - December 2, 2002
\$0	\$100,781	0	Annualization of FY 2002-2003 Classified State Employees Merit Increase
\$0	\$113,837	0	Classified State Employees Merit Increases for FY 2003-2004
\$0	\$79,282	0	Risk Management Adjustment
\$0	\$530,550	0	Acquisitions & Major Repairs
\$0	(\$200,050)	0	Non-Recurring Acquisitions & Major Repairs
\$0	(\$1,000,000)	0	Non-Recurring Carry Forwards
\$0	\$178,876	0	Salary Base Adjustment
\$0	(\$180,094)	0	Attrition Adjustment
\$0	(\$15,801)	0	Salary Funding from Other Line Items
\$0	\$60,565	0	Group Insurance Adjustment
\$0	\$977	0	Civil Service Fees
\$0	\$13,651	0	Training Series Adjustment
\$0	(\$112,170)	0	Non-recurring funding for group insurance premium adjustment
\$0	(\$777,000)	0	Other Non-Recurring Adjustment - management information system
\$0	\$653,222	0	Debt payment for new building
\$0	\$5,069	0	Increased funding for administrative hearings
\$0	\$10,634,284	179	TOTAL RECOMMENDED
\$0	\$0	0	LESS GOVERNOR'S SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS
\$0	\$10,634,284	179	BASE EXECUTIVE BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2003-2004

SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINGENT ON NEW REVENUE:

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MAJOR FINANCIAL CHANGES

GENERAL FUND	TOTAL	T.O.	DESCRIPTION
\$0	\$0	0	None
\$0	\$0	0	TOTAL SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINGENT ON NEW REVENUE
\$0	\$10,634,284	179	GRAND TOTAL RECOMMENDED

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

This program has no funding for professional services for Fiscal Year 2003-2004.

OTHER CHARGES

\$320,000	Volunteer firefighters insurance premiums
\$700	Witness fees and subpoenas
\$653,222	Debt payment for building

\$973,922 SUB-TOTAL OTHER CHARGES

Interagency Transfers:

\$24,165	Civil Service/CPTP
\$25,609	Transferred to Division of Administrative Law for administrative hearings
\$190,170	Transferred to State Police for auto maintenance
\$299,030	Transferred to Management and Finance for utilities, dues, duplicating, telephone, utilities and supplies
\$229,893	Risk Management Premiums
\$38,524	Maintenance of State Buildings

\$807,391 SUB-TOTAL INTERAGENCY TRANSFERS

\$1,781,313 TOTAL OTHER CHARGES

ACQUISITIONS AND MAJOR REPAIRS

\$290,550	Computer equipment (e.g. desktop computers, laptop computers, printers, digital cameras, etc.)
\$240,000	Replacement vehicles
\$530,550	TOTAL ACQUISITIONS AND MAJOR REPAIRS